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## FINAL 2013 BARLEY AND WHEAT ESTIMATES

USDA has released final production estimates for the 2013 barley and winter wheat crops. Above average yields were recorded for both wheat and barley in Maryland and Delaware. Farmers reported adequate soil moisture throughout the small grain growing season. Frequent rains during June and July put harvest progress behind normal. The majority of the barley and wheat crop was rated between good and excellent throughout the crop year.

**Maryland:** Maryland farmers planted 345,000 acres of **wheat** this year, the highest since the 1948 planted acreage of 361,000 acres. Acres harvested for grain is estimated at 260,000 acres with an average yield of 67 bushels per acre of wheat, down 1 bushel from 2012. Total wheat production is estimated at 17.4 million bushels, 22 percent above the 14.3 million bushels produced last year. Producers planted 75,000 acres of **barley** and harvested 52,000 acres for grain. Yield for barley was 3 bushels above the 2012 yield at 85 bushels per acre. Total barley production is estimated at 4.4 million bushels, up 35 percent from 3.3 million bushels produced in 2012.

**Delaware:** Delaware farmers planted 85,000 acres of **wheat** in 2013, unchanged from last year. Wheat was harvested from 78,000 acres with an average yield of 68 bushels per acre. As a result, 5.3 million bushels of wheat was produced in Delaware this year, down 10 percent from the 5.9 million bushels produced in 2012. Delaware producers planted 43,000 acres of **barley** this year, the highest planting since the 1989 planted acreage of 50,000 acres. There were 33,000 acres harvested for grain with an average yield of 78 bushels, 6 bushels lower than last year. Total production for 2013, at 2.6 million bushels, was down 10 percent from 2.9 million bushels harvested in 2012.

**United States:** All **wheat** production totaled 2.13 billion bushels in 2013, down 6 percent from 2012. Grain area totaled 45.2 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at a record high of 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2012 by type are winter wheat, 1.53 billion bushels, down 7 percent; other spring wheat, 532 million bushels, down 2 percent, and Durum wheat, 61.5 million bushels, down 26 percent.

**Barley** production is estimated at 215 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2012. Average yield per acre, at 71.7 bushels, is up 3.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.48 million acres in 2013, down 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.00 million acres, is down 8 percent from 2012.

**Crop Production: Acreage, Yield, and Production, by Delaware,  
Maryland, and United States, September 2012 and 2013**

Commodity	Delaware		Maryland		United States	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Corn, All Planted ..... 1,000 acres	180	185	490	495	97,379	97,155
Corn, Harvested for Grain ..... 1,000 acres	174	178	430	435	89,135	87,375
Yield ..... bushels per acre	160.0	135.0	155.0	122.0	155.3	123.4
Production ..... 1,000 bushels	27,840	24,030	66,650	53,070	13,843,320	10,780,296
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Corn, Harvested for Silage ..... 1,000 acres	-	5	-	55	-	7,379
Yield ..... tons per acre	-	17.0	-	19.0	-	15.4
Production ..... 1,000 tons	-	85	-	1,045	-	113,450
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Soybeans Planted ..... 1,000 acres	160	170	470	480	77,178	77,198
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	158	168	465	475	76,378	76,104
Yield ..... bushels per acre	41.0	42.5	43.0	47.0	41.2	39.6
Production ..... 1,000 bushels	6,478	7,140	19,995	22,325	3,149,166	3,014,998
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Wheat, Winter Planted ..... 1,000 acres	85	85	345	310	43,090	41,224
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	78	80	260	210	32,402	34,734
Yield ..... bushels per acre	68.0	74.0	67.0	68.0	47.4	47.3
Production ..... 1,000 bushels	5,304	5,920	17,420	14,280	1,534,253	1,641,272
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Barley Planted ..... 1,000 acres	43	38	75	60	3,480	3,637
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	33	34	52	40	3,000	3,244
Yield ..... bushels per acre	78.0	84.0	85.0	82.0	71.7	67.9
Production ..... 1,000 bushels	2,574	2,856	4,420	3,280	215,078	220,284
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Hay, All Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	16	16	230	205	56,617	56,260
Yield ..... tons per acre	-	2.63	-	2.51	-	2.13
Production ..... 1,000 tons	-	42	-	514	-	119,878
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Hay, Alfalfa Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	6	6	30	30	17,662	17,292
Yield ..... tons per acre	-	2.70	-	4.30	3.39	3.01
Production ..... 1,000 tons	-	16	-	129	59,926	52,049
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Hay, Other Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	10	10	200	175	38,955	38,968
Yield ..... tons per acre	-	2.60	-	2.20	2.05	1.74
Production ..... 1,000 tons	-	26	-	385	79,954	67,829
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Apples Production ..... 1,000 pounds	-	-	-	35,000	-	9,061,100
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Peaches Production ..... 1,000 tons	-	-	-	4	-	978
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Potatoes, Summer Planted ..... 1,000 acres	1.4	1.6	2.5	2.3	47.0	49.8
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	1.4	1.6	2.5	2.2	45.7	48.5
Yield ..... cwt per acre	280	255	340	380	358	373
Production ..... 1,000 cwt	392	408	850	836	16,369	18,067